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County/City Announce Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and Rochester Mayor Robert J. Duffy announced today that the County and City have partnered to offer a free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the City of Rochester Water Bureau, 10 Felix Street.

"Monroe County is committed to providing opportunities for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner," said County Executive Maggie Brooks. "This collection enables residents to properly dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals. It also keeps usable items out of landfills. We invite residents to kick off their spring cleaning by taking advantage of this collection."

Most household hazardous waste, such as paint, is safe when used and stored properly. When these materials become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

Last year, the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, in cooperation with Eastman Kodak Company, safely disposed of 293 tons of hazardous material.

"I am happy that we were able to bring this popular program and valued service to the city for the first time," said Mayor Robert J. Duffy. "The environment is critical to our citizens as evidenced by our overwhelming turnout at this spring's 'Clean Sweep.' Household Hazardous Waste Collection adds another tool to our arsenal to help keep our streets clean and our city beautiful."

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required for all HHW collections. Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until June 8. To schedule an appointment, residents can call 428-5990. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based and Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of Latex Paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain and Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps and waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)

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- Driveway Sealer
- Pool and Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) and Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

DO NOT BRING used motor oil or vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); propane tanks (permanent household hazardous waste facility only); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken, remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle and joint compounds (trash).

For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services at 753-7600 (option 3), or visit www.monroecounty.gov.

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